two years product-wise for petrol, Diesel, Kerosene and A.T.F. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) to (d) The pricing of petroleum products is based on the recommendations of Oil Prices Committee, 1976 as modified by Oil Cost Review Committee, 1984. The pooled FOB price of indigenous and imported crude forms the basis for price estimation of different products. The elements of freight, Customs duty, refining margin etc. are added to the pooled FOB price and the retention price of products are derived on the basis of prefixed relative indices. The weighted average of retention prices gives the ex-refinery price of the finished products. Marketing margin, surcharges towards Cost & Freight and product price adjustments are added to arrive at the ex-storage point price which is uniform at all primary pricing points.

The prices of petroleum products are administered by the Government through the pool account mechanism. The difference between the pooled FOB price of crude in the price build-up and the actual cost of imported and indigenous crude is adjusted in the pool account. Similarly, the difference between the landed cost of imported products and the ex-refinery price for the respective petroleum is adjusted in the pool account.

Restrictions on Constructions

1765. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have imposed restrictions for carrying out any new construction in Lutyens Bunglow Zone;

(b) if so, whether a committee was constituted by the Ministry to review these restrictions and to suggest modifications/changes in these restrictions;

(c) whether this committee was to give its recommendations about five years back and has still not finalized its recommendations till date; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to allow construction in Lutyens Bunglow Zone within the buildings envelope and as per the existing bye-laws which are applicable to Lutyens Bunglow Zone and areas adjoining to Lutyens Bunglow Zone ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government issued a set of guidelines in 1988 in respect of Lutyen's Bungalow Zone in-order to maintain its unique character which is still dominated by green areas and bungalows.

(b) The Government had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Planner, Town & Country Planning Organisation in September, 1992 to finalise the issue of boundary delineation and development in respect of Lutyen's Bungalow Zone.

(c) The Committee submitted its recommendations in February, 1993 which were considered by the Government and it was decided in October, 1995 that the guidelines issued in February, 1988 are to be strictly enforced.

(d) Instructions have been issued to N.D.M.C., D.D.A. and M.C.D. to allow construction in Lutyen's Bungalow Zone within the building envelop as there is no restriction about the plinth in the guidelines, provided all other conditions stipulated in the guidelines, Master Plan and Building Bye-laws are satisfied.

[Translation]

Conversion of Dry Toilet into wet Toilet

1766. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have ascertained the reasons for not achieving considerable success in the conversion of dry toilets into wet toilet;

(b) the reasons for not achieving any success despite the facility of loans and subsidy;

(c) whether only 5 lakh dry toilets out of 12 lakh have been converted into modern one;

(d) whether the subsidy provided earlier in the rural areas for the construction of modern toilets, have been limited to only people below poverty line; and

(e) whether the Government propose to revive the old scheme of subsidy so that all families in rural areas may avail the facility of modern toilets under the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYEMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The status and progress of conversion of dry latrines into sanitary latrines was discussed with all the States/UTs in a meeting held on 5th August, 1996. Most of the status/UTs have reported that there are no latrines in rural areas or their number is extremely less. Conversion of dry latrines into wet latrines is an integral part of the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.